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NEGRO PROFESSOR TO TEACH
NEW COURSES AT UM

MISSOULA--

Three new courses in black culture will illuminate a long-neglected part of American life for students at the University of Montana during the coming academic year.

Ulysses Doss, a Negro minister who served as pastor of the Olivet Methodist Church in Chicago and as director of two community organizations on Chicago's West Side, will teach courses entitled "A Search for Identity," "Black Power" and "The Arts as Soul."
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Doss became available for appointment to UM last spring at a time when/President Robert T. Pantzer was conferring with other University administrators and black students concerning the need in Montana for more direct information about the current crisis in the black American/community.

Commenting on the new courses, Doss said, "I feel that the University of Montana has a great opportunity and a fantastic challenge--to become a leader in modern education and to make real the dreams of all our citizens for equality, liberty and justice, and to make it possible for all races to be unashamed to lift up their cultures as contributions to American life."

All three courses will be offered at the junior level in humanities. Each quarter Doss will teach one section of a course to citizens of the Missoula community for no credit and no fee. The fall quarter course, as offered to students and citizens, will deal with African cultural heritage and the evolution of the black community's self-evaluation and identity.

Lecture material will be augmented by several texts, but the courses will be organized around basic themes. Doss will offer all his students an extensive bibliography which deals with the racial problem from many points of view.

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A course in black power, which will trace the development and causes of this movement, will be offered winter quarter. Spring quarter Doss will instruct students in Afro-American culture, emphasizing the development of spirituals, blues and jazz, and Negro literature, and particularly the Negro Renaissance in a course titled "The Arts as Soul."

In addition, Doss will serve as an administrator, establishing guidance and counseling services to acquaint nonwhite students with their academic environment and responsibilities. He will also serve as consultant to student and faculty program committees in selecting lecturers and entertainers from the black community.

A Wisconsin native, Doss received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ripon College, Ripon, Wisc., in 1957. After working as a chaplain in a home for juveniles in Chicago, he attended Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and received his bachelor of divinity degree there in 1961. During the next five years, he served as a pastor in Chicago churches and worked toward completion of his master's degree in philosophy of religion, which he received from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1966.

While in Chicago Doss was convenor and founder of Christian Action Ministry, a black he was nationalist group, and/president of the Garfield Organization, which encompassed seven churches and eight institutions.

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